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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the below remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully point out that the present invention in a preferred embodiment is concerned with a process in gaseous phase to obtain CFC 113a starting from CFC 113, wherein CFC 113, optionally diluted with a gas inert under the reaction conditions, is let flow on a catalyst consisting of aluminum fluoride in a fixed or fluidized bed. Applicants emphasize that in such preferred embodiment, the present invention is concerned with a catalyst consisting of aluminum fluoride.

Applicants respectfully submit that no such invention is taught or suggested in the prior art. Applicants note in particular that Miller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,598,411)